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Serial No.: 09/817,507)	Examiner: Not known
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Filed: March 26, 2001)	Our Cust. No.: 22827
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Title: Novel Perfluoroalkyl Compounds)	
And Their Methods of Use and)	
Manufacture)	

Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

The Applicants' request that the Examiner in this matter review the following two references which are disclosed by way of this information disclosure statement, that is, U.S. Patent No. 6,288,187 B1 (the '187 patent) and 6,168,913 B1 (the '913 patent).

The Examiners attention is drawn to the following references in the '913 patent:

- (1) the structures at column 8, lines 10-25;
- (2) the structures at column 7, lines 45-65;
- (3) the structures at column 11, lines 25-40; and
- (4) the structures shown at column 12, lines 25-35.

With regard to the '187 patent, attention is drawn to Example 9, at column 18, lines 40-60.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 et seq.,
Applicant(s), through and by his or her attorneys, hereby wishes to direct the Examiner's
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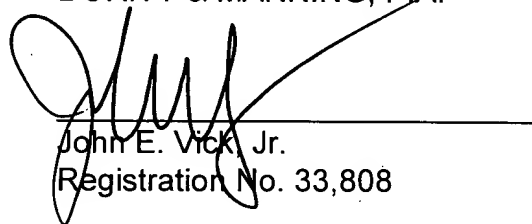
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The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine
its prior art status.

Applicant recommends that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and
all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the
documents cited within this Statement.

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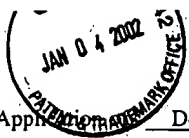
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